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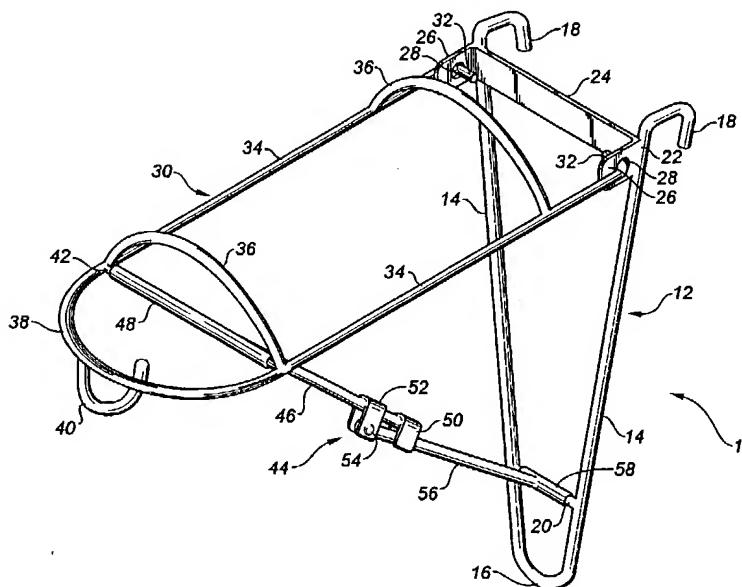
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(54) **SUPPORT PORTATIF POUR SELLE**

(54) **PORTABLE SADDLE HOLDER**



(57) Porte-selle portable et pliable composé de deux parties articulées montées sur un support. Une partie supporte le poids du porte-selle contre une clôture sur laquelle il est monté au moyen de crochets. L'autre partie du porte-selle supporte le poids de la selle. Une tige repliable et pivotante relie les deux parties.

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PORATBLE SADDLE HOLDER

Abstract of the Disclosure

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Field of the Invention

The present invention relates to a portable saddle holder particularly adapted to carry the larger 'western' saddles.

Background of the Invention

At present, to applicant's best knowledge, there is no commercially available portable saddle holder adapted to support the larger western saddles. Thus, during use at horse shows, rodeos and the like, these very expensive saddles are commonly just left lying on the ground or benches without being maintained in the position most beneficial to the long term maintenance of their designed configuration.

Summary of the Invention

It is a primary objective of the present invention to provide a portable, foldable saddle holder adapted to support the larger, heavier western saddles, which holder is both mechanically strong and lightweight.

Broadly stated the invention relates to a portable, foldable saddle holder which comprises: a generally V-shaped rear support member defining at its upper end two spaced apart downwardly extending hook members, and further being interconnected at its upper end by a horizontally extending brace member; a generally U-shaped saddle support member pivotally connected to said rear support member whereby when said saddle holder is in the operative position said V-shaped member lies in the vertical plane and said U-shaped member lies substantially at right angles thereto, said U-shaped member further defining at least one

generally arcuate saddle engaging member thereon; a folding leg member comprising two sections pivotally connected at its outer ends to said V-shaped member and said U-shaped member respectively, and further wherein each section is pivotally interconnected one to another at about the centre of said folding leg member; and releasable restraint means, associated with said central pivot of said folding leg member, for securing said leg sections in alignment when said saddle holder is in the operative position.

Description of the Drawings

The invention will be better understood with reference to the detailed description herebelow and accompanying figures in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective of the saddle holder of the present invention in the operative position.

Figure 2 is a side view of the saddle holder of figure 1 in the operative position.

Figure 3 is a plan view of the saddle holder of figure 1 in the operative position.

Figure 4 is a side view of the saddle holder of figure 1 in the partially folded position.

Figure 5 is a side view of the saddle holder of figure 1 in the fully folded position.

Description of the Preferred Embodiment

Having reference to the accompanying figures, there is illustrated the saddle holder 1.

The saddle holder 1 comprises an integral unit having a

rear V-shaped main support section 12 adapted to rest against a fence, or the like, to be hooked onto the top thereof, and a front U-shaped section 30 being at right angles to rear V-shaped section 12 in the operative position and parallel therewith in the folded position.

The rear V-shaped section 12 defines two arms 14 having at their base, apex 16. Two spaced apart hooks 18 are defined at the upper end of section 12 and are adapted to engage a corral fence or the like (not shown). Adjacent the apex 16, lies a bar 20 interconnecting arms 14. The V-shaped section 12 is welded at welds 22 to an upper, generally rectangular, brace member 24.

Upper brace member 24 defines two forwardly extending side bracket projections 26, each of which form aligned apertures 28.

The saddle supporting section of holder 1 forms a generally U-shaped section 30 having at its inner end inwardly extending sections 32 rotatably mounted through apertures 28. Two spaced apart arcuate saddle supports 36 are defined between arms 34 of section 30. At its outer end, section 30 defines a U-portion 38 mounted upon which and extending upwardly therefrom is a bridle halter holding hook 40. Adjacent the U-portion 38, lies a connection bar 42 which extends between the lower outer ends of saddle support 36.

Between section 12 and section 30 lies a folding leg 44. Folding leg 44 comprises a top leg section 46 pivotally mounted on connecting bar 42 by means of a collar 48. Leg section 46 defines

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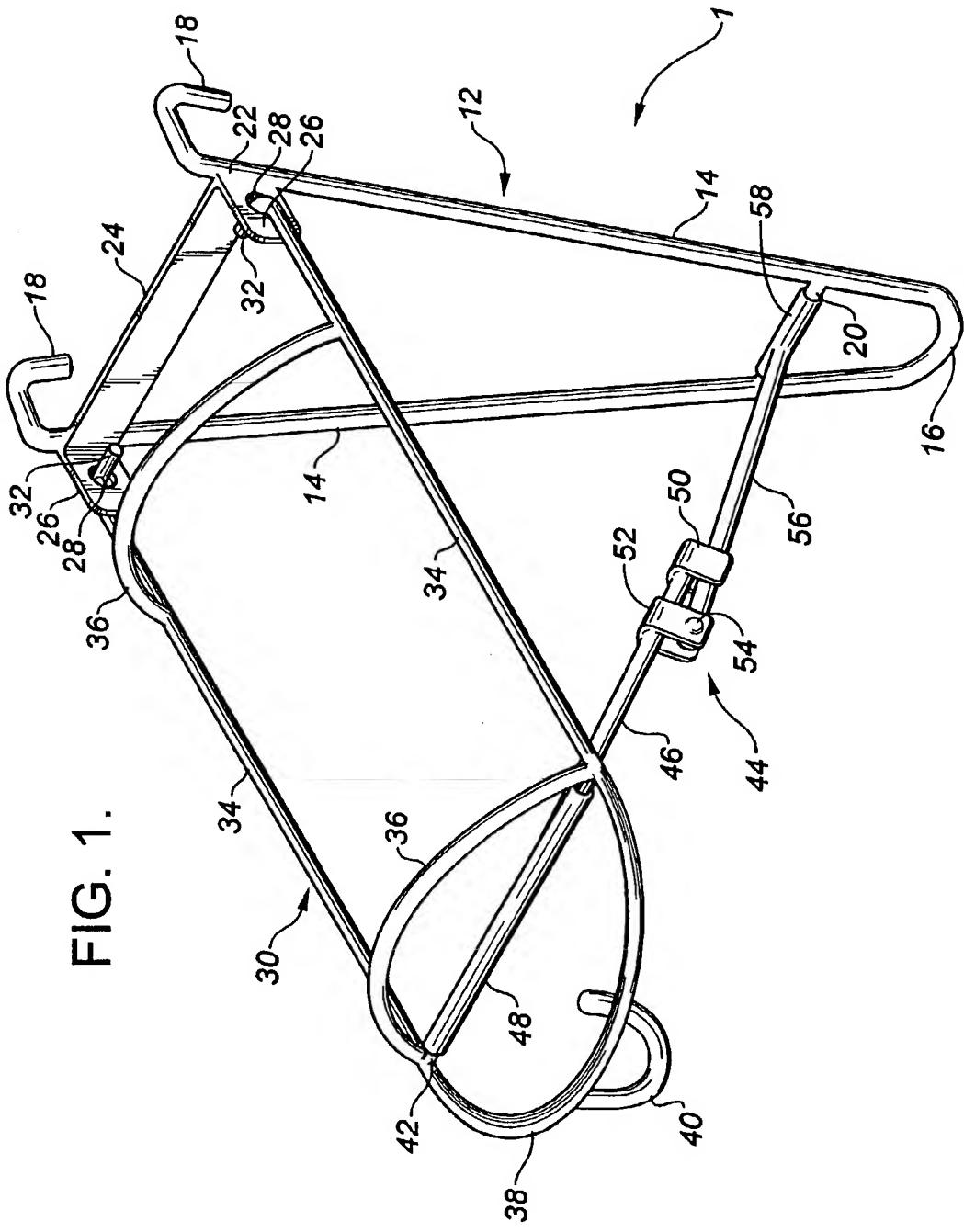
at its outer end a top U-shaped, restraint 50 and a lower bracket 52 adapted to receive pivot pin 54. The lower leg section 56 of folding leg 44 is pivotally mounted by means of a collar 58 on bar 20 at its outer end and pivotally mounted between bracket 52 by means of pivot pin 54 at its inner end. It is to be noted that the distance between connection bars 42 and 20 from 38 and 16 respectively should be equidistant whereby folding leg 44 in the operative position maintains a ninety degree angle between sections 12 and 30.

THE EMBODIMENTS IN WHICH AN EXCLUSIVE PROPERTY OR PRIVILEGE ARE CLAIMED ARE DEFINED AS FOLLOWS:

1. A portable, foldable saddle holder which comprises:
 - a generally V-shaped rear support member defining at its upper end two spaced apart downwardly extending hook members, and further being interconnected at its upper end by a horizontally extending brace member;
 - a generally U-shaped saddle support member pivotally connected to said rear support member whereby when said saddle holder is in the operative position said V-shaped member lies in the vertical plane and said U-shaped member lies substantially at right angles thereto, said U-shaped member further defining at least one generally arcuate saddle engaging member thereon;
 - a folding leg member comprising two sections pivotally connected at its outer ends to said V-shaped member and said U-shaped member, and further wherein each section is pivotally interconnected one to another at about the centre of said folding leg member; and
 - releasable restraining means, associated with said central pivot of said folding leg member, for securing said leg sections in alignment when said saddle holder is in the operative position.

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FIG. 1.



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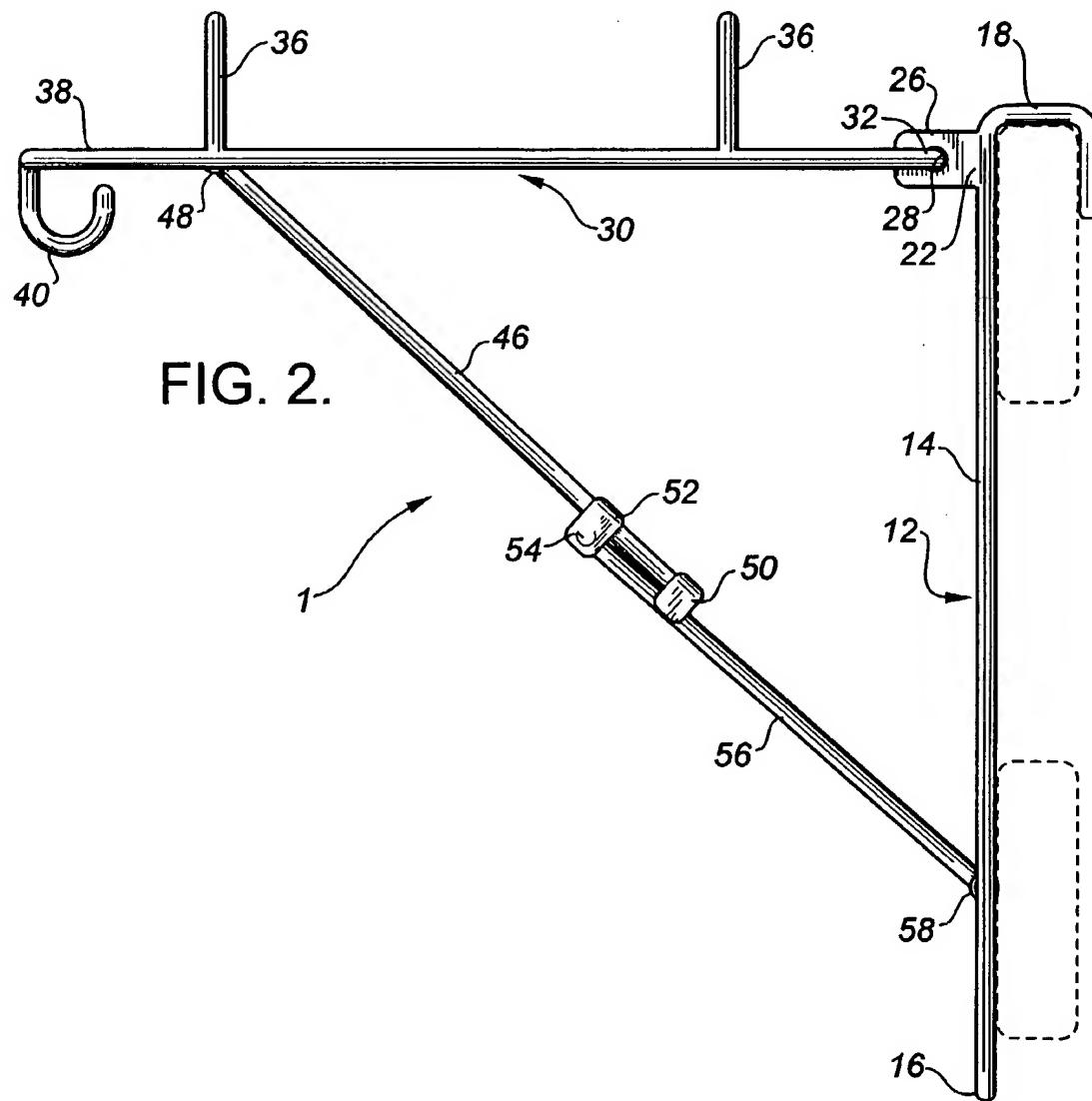
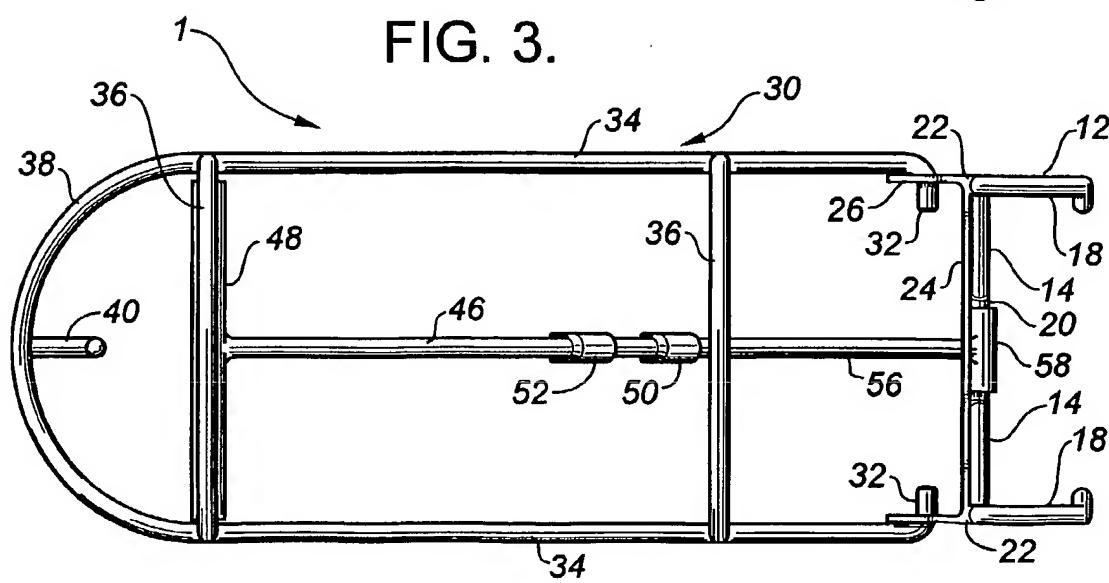


FIG. 2.



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